

AGENDA ITEM

**REPORT TO CORPORATE
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

8 OCTOBER 2012

Big Lottery Fund 'Fulfilling Lives' Programme

1. Members of CMT will recall that Tees Valley was one of the 15 areas in England invited to prepare bids against this programme, to which BLF have committed £100 million, targeted on adults with needs in relation to at least three of the four priority issues i.e. reoffending , substance misuse, homelessness and mental health.
2. Bids must be VCS led.
3. After some initial uncertainty, it was agreed that all five TV Boroughs would be part of the programme.
4. Following consideration of expressions of interest by a panel of 15 people (2 reps from each VDA plus 1 rep from each LA) it was agreed that the Wise Group would be the lead partner for the TV bid.
5. A statement of vision and strategy is now required by 17 December, with the outcome of the application to be announced in March 2013. Not all 15 areas are guaranteed to receive funding.
6. Successful partnerships will have until September 2013 to produce a detailed business plan, and up to £50k will be available to support the process.
7. Business plans will be reviewed by December 2013 and projects will need to start within 3 months, running for up to 8 years.
8. Members of CMT will recall that the Safer Stockton Partnership has endorsed the principle of seeking to attract a proportion of the 'Fulfilling Lives' funding to operate a scheme along the lines of the award-winning Project Minerva, developed in Hull.

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